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Introductory Comments

This responds to the Notice of Allowance mailed 4/8/2005.

REMARKS

The above captioned case has been allowed. Claims 1, 6, 7, 17, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26 and claim 3 have been allowed as they apply to SEQ ID NO:18. This claim set was examined on the basis of a provisional election on March 24, 2005. Affirmation of that election is required in responding to the Notice of Allowance.

Applicants hereby affirm the provisional election as stated above.

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